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## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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We have endeavored to perform the service committed to us by the town, according to our ability, and ask the attention of our fellow citizens to the following statements.

The sum appropriated for the support of schools for the year now ending being less than usual, while the number of schools was not diminished and the number of scholars was increased, we had no little difficulty in determining in what way the necessary retrenchment was to be effected. The wages paid to our teachers were already below the average for the State, and the length of the schools in those cases in which the law allows them to be kept less than ten months was also considerably less than the average of the State. Yet we met the demand which had been laid upon us by reducing still further in both these directions. We intended to assign to each district such a sum of money as would enable the prudential committee to meet the demands of the law by having the school kept at least six months. In one district the requirements of the law were not met, although the same sum of money was expended as for the other district schools, the prudential committee for that district having paid higher wages.

It is certainly an open question how long schools may be profitably kept for our younger children. The almost universal custom in towns as large as Fitchburg is to keep such schools forty weeks or more. In this town, there has been a gradual diminution, until we have almost reached the limit allowed by law. During the last year most of our district schools were kept less than twenty-six weeks. This is not a very serious calamity in the rural districts, where the children at an early age are employed in profitable labor, and where they are free from the temptations ordinarily

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found in a village. But the most of our children being in the centre of the town cannot be employed in labor to much advantage, and the result is that during the twenty-six weeks of vacation, many of them are in the streets, forming bad habits, hearing profane talk, and exposed to many evil influences. Would it not be good economy for the town to provide longer terms of school for them?

A comparison of our schools with the best schools in the State, would show that the education of our children is inferior just in those respects in which the shortness of the terms renders it inferior, in penmanship and reading and spelling, excellence in which departments is secured only by long continued practice. The children of the Boston public schools, almost without exception, acquire a handsome penmanship. This is mainly because from the time they are eight or nine years old, they practise writing every day during more than forty weeks in the year. Our children are generally unskilful in the use of the pen. How could we expect the fact to be different, since the terms are so brief and so far apart, in which the foundation of a good penmanship must be laid, and since after entering the grammar school, they and their teachers think it necessary to spend their chief strength in making up for the previous lack of instruction in other branches? For the same reason the reading and spelling of our children compare unfavorably with those of children in the best schools. We suggest as remedies for these disadvantages, first that the schools of lower grade be kept a greater number of weeks, and secondly that the teachers of the grammar schools pay more attention to those branches of a good education, excellence in which comes only through long practice and laborious drilling.

Meanwhile we have felt compelled to make some provision for an immediate improvement of the penmanship of the scholars. We have employed Mr. Ball to instruct the three grammar schools in this department, spending three hours a week in each school. We think no part of the money at our disposal has been expended more profitably, and are sure that the town will wish the same arrangement to continue, unless indeed more ample provision is found advisable.

In every thing which shows the development of the reasoning powers, we think our schools compare favorably with any of the



same grade. The scholars are generally well trained in arithmetic, and are accustomed to inquire into the reasons of what they learn in geography and grammar.

Our teachers are, in general, diligent and faithful, interested in their work, and devoted to the welfare of their pupils. We do not think there is one among the thirty-eight teachers who have served us during the year, that has not been moved by a hearty desire to see the children gaining preparation for the duties of life and to assist them in such preparation as largely as possible. Of course there have been different degrees of success in the performance of these duties. The most laborious and most conscientious have not always been the most successful. Many different qualities must be combined in a good teacher. Exact and careful scholarship rather than a wide range of general information, aptness to teach, ability to awaken the enthusiasm of the scholars, patience to bear with those who are constitutionally slow, and with the indolent or negligent, perfect self-control in endeavoring to control others, a pure personal character and lofty purposes without which the chief element of a good influence is wanting, and a certain indefinable yet always necessary tact which secures the willing obedience and awakens the affectionate respect of the scholars,—all these combine in a really good teacher. But how rare the combination! Ought we to be astonished if the full development of all these qualifications is not seen in every teacher? But our teachers should aim at becoming perfectly fitted for their profession, and the scholars and parents should refrain from unkind criticisms, and should take for granted that each teacher is laboring diligently and with good motives for the benefit of his scholars. And if any particular lack is seen in a teacher, we ought to consider his good qualities as well as his deficiencies, and before we demand a change, inquire whether we are likely with the means at our command to obtain another to fill his place, better prepared on the whole for its responsibilities.

The tables appended to this report show that the attendance of the scholars has been good,—that the instances of lateness, except in the case of two schools in which the habit seems incorrigible, have been few,—that the ratio of attendance to membership is unusually large, and that the number of children attending our public

schools is a very large per cent of the whole number in the town.

With these general remarks we pass to a notice of the several schools.\*

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Read, who had been Principal of the High School nearly five years, resigned his office early in the year, the resignation to take effect at the end of the summer term. In filling the vacancy we took into account the general good character of the scholars, and ventured to call to our service a gentleman who had had no experience in teaching, but whom we knew to be an accomplished scholar, and who seemed to us to possess some rare qualifications for the work. We were not disappointed in his attainments, nor indeed in any of those qualifications which had so prominently commended him to our confidence. But we *were* disappointed in the pupils, and perhaps we ought to have known enough of human nature to suppose beforehand that sixty or eighty children, even the best that the town afforded, would need a more rigid rule than Mr. Snow would be likely to enforce. The instruction given was the very best,—the best in every department. Accurate habits of scholarship were encouraged, and many of the scholars accomplished more in the acquisition of valuable learning than ever before in the same time. That this is not true of all was their own fault. Even with his lack of experience, and his aversion to a rigorous discipline, we think the teacher would have succeeded except for a slight difficulty in hearing,—slight for any other position, but proved to be a serious matter in the government of a large school. The pupils will certainly remember as long as they live, the unwearied fidelity, and ready learning, and facility in teaching, and wonderful self-control of this teacher. We regretted that the limited means at our disposal could not allow us to retain him as a *teacher* and commit the government of the school to some gentleman to be associated with him.

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\*The schools which were under the supervision of Mr. Snow after the first of September, had been under Mr. Tilden's care, previous to that time.



As heretofore, the members of the school are arranged in three divisions, according to their advancement in study. The names of those who have ranked highest in their respective divisions, in scholarship, conduct and attendance are as follows :\*

*First Division.* Charles A. Cram, Charles W. Smiley.

Clara A. Farwell, Fannie I. Tolman.

*Second Division.* George Burford, Jr., Walter A. Davis.

Fannie L. Downe, Nellie Armes, Georgia B. Damon, Mary F. Hosmer.

*Third Division.* H. Frank Rockwell, G. F. P. Day, Frank G. Fessenden.

Mary L. Fisher, Lelia M. Davis, Abbie F. Lane.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

HIGH STREET. The instruction in this school is on a generous scale, the teachers being accustomed to bring all their resources to the explanation and illustration of principles and general statements. Much attention is paid to reading, and with good results. The scholars generally understand, as well as commit to memory, their lessons. The gymnastic exercises seem to have had a good influence on the school. The pupils need, however, to practise a more rigid self-reliance than they have been accustomed to show, and the order of the school would come nearer to our ideal of perfection, if the principal had more tact in observing whatever is done in his presence.

The leading scholars of the several classes during the year have been as follows :

*First Class.* Harrison Bailey, Edward H. Litch, William L. Goddard, Edward S. Farwell.

Lizzie L. Goodnow, Mary E. Lyon, Mary E. Lane, Nellie F. Livermore.

*Second Class.* George B. Andrews, William A. Carleton.

Myra Richardson, Laura G. Hayward.

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\* In this case, and in that of the other schools, the *boys* of each division are arranged by themselves, in the order of standing, and the *girls* of each division by themselves in the same order.

*Third Class.* Ernest P. Miller, Frank Shepley.  
Arvilla F. Osborn, Annie Sawyer, Harriet Pierce.

*Fourth Class.* Charles H. Brown, George Hall.  
Myra F. Marble, Fannie C. Willis.

DAY STREET. No one of our teachers labors more devotedly, or has a more earnest anxiety for the welfare of his pupils, than Mr. Lamb. The quietness of the children in the building and around it indicates an unusual power in the teacher to secure obedience, and ministers no less to their happiness than to the comfort of the neighbors and the general prosperity of the school.

The teachers have tact to obtain a fair amount of study even from the indolent. We think there must be a warrant for the opinion which prevails, that if any scholar has trouble with the teacher, that scholar is surely in the wrong.

The names of the scholars who stood highest in their respective classes are as follows:

*First Class.* Annie A. Russell, Susan A. Greene, Helen Isabel Tolman, Mary Downe, Dora Goodrich.

*Second Class.* Waldo Lowe.

Mary Smith, Mary Ordway, Maggie Elliott, Hattie Wilson.

*Third Class.* Jerome Kinsman, Frank S. Wheeler.

Ella Brown, Hortense Tolman, Abbie Upton, Margie Smith, Marcia Gardner, Emma Young, Emma Phillips.

*Fourth Class.* Frank Corey, Perrin Adams.

Maria Ball, Rosa Hitchcock, Ella Garland, Emily Chase, Emma Wells.

WEST. It is enough to say of this school, that as it has the best-constructed school-house in town, and the house is kept in corresponding condition, so it seems to us to be accomplishing its object as a school, at least as fully as any other. Good order, a cheerful diligence in study, a general understanding of what is taught, and a healthy tone of morals are its leading characteristics.

The scholars who have taken the highest rank in the several classes are the following:

*First Class.* Joseph Lyon, Charles W. Page.

Ianthe E. Wilder, Lizzie A. Wheeler, Fannie E. Bogert.



*Second Class.* George S. Lyon.

Sarah A. Paige.

*Third Class.* Edwin F. Simonds, Frederic C. Moore.

Anna M. Lyon, Harriet E. Wetherbee.

*Fourth Class.* Emory A. Hartwell, Joseph M. Pierce.

Eunice H. Goddard, Clara Bruce.

## DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

**WEST STREET.** *Intermediate.* A few years ago, this was the most disorderly and least successful of all our schools. The children now belonging to it are of a better character, and with the improvement in conduct there has been improvement in scholarship. The teacher seemed to be doing well both in teaching and in taking care of her pupils.

*Primary.* We believe the parents were better satisfied than usual with this school, and we assent to their judgment.

**HIGH STREET.** *Intermediate.* The materials of which this school is composed, ought to render it the best of its grade in town. Perhaps it would be difficult to say why it is not the best. Will the teacher and scholars try to make it so?

*Secondary.* The instruction is careful and thorough, and the school decidedly a pleasant one.

*Primary.* We are quite satisfied with the general appearance of this school.

**DAY STREET.** *Intermediate.* An energetic administration has occasionally caused a parent to think the teacher unduly severe; but so far as we could learn this judgment was not deserved.

*Secondary.* The teacher whose connection with this school was closed by death in December, had been during the last year, as in every preceding year of her service, eminently successful. Her



successor had the school too short a time to give proof of her fitness for the place.

*Primary.* The teacher seems to be adapted to her work and the children love to come to school.

**SOUTH STREET.** *Intermediate.* The attendance in this school declined considerably without any apparent cause. The teacher seemed to us faithful, kind, and in every respect worthy of the confidence and love of the pupils. The instruction was good.

*Secondary.* Unusual ability to keep children in order characterizes this teacher, and the appearance of the school was most gratifying from the beginning to the end of the year.

*Primary.* Of our primary schools, this seems to us the best cared for and the most pleasant.

**EAST STREET.** The three teachers, who each served one term, very unlike each other, have distinctive excellencies. The first here made her first experiment in school-keeping, and did not fulfil her own wishes. Transferred after one term to another school, she made a great improvement. The second and third teachers had no lack of previous experience, and met the wants of the school better than any of their predecessors from the origin of the school.

**DISTRICT No. 2.** We think the school was as profitable as the circumstances of the case admitted. A small room, badly ventilated, with more scholars than seats, and no one of the seats suitable for the children, and the children themselves often untidy, rendered it a thing impossible that the teacher should accomplish much.

**DISTRICT No. 3.** This school room was over-crowded, and we think it essential that two schools be kept in the district. The teacher was without previous experience, but not entirely without adaptation to the work. Her greatest difficulty was in keeping so many little ones in any tolerable condition of quietness. In consequence of a mistake on the part of the prudential committee, there was left at the close of the fall term only money enough to keep the winter school one week. At the close of that week, the register was duly made out and passed into the hands of the prudential com-

mittee. But he has been absent from the State for several weeks, and we have been compelled to make up our tables without any of the items which that register would furnish.

DISTRICT No. 4. This school was an average one, with nothing very marked in its character or history for the year.

DISTRICT No. 5. This school was in better condition the last two terms than the first. Judicious care, personal kindness to the children, and attention to their physical cleanliness are fully as important here as ability to teach; and the teacher with whom the year closed did all she could in these directions.

DISTRICT No. 6. A very pleasant school of pleasant children, and very well cared for, during the year.

DISTRICT No. 7. Much smaller than a few years ago, this school doubtless seems to the people of the district a very small affair. But we think the children were well taught, and that in every respect the teacher did well.

DISTRICT No. 8. It is enough to say of this school that the committee regard it as, on the whole, the best school in the town, below the grade of grammar schools.

DISTRICT No. 9. Entirely satisfactory throughout the year. The children of district No. 10 were allowed to attend this school during the fall, and in return, the children of this district attended the school in No. 10 during the winter.

DISTRICT No. 10. The first term was profitable, and every body seemed satisfied. In the winter, some of the larger boys behaved badly, and the teacher did not know how to control them. We were sorry that the value of the school was so seriously impaired.

DISTRICT No. 11. This is too large a school to be committed to the hands of a young and inexperienced mistress unless she gives peculiar promise of success. The teacher labored very diligently, and to the utmost of her power, but without making any very marked impression.



DISTRICT No. 12. We should like for once to report this district without making reference to any internal dissensions. But the time has not yet come. The teacher who kept through most of the year was as unwearying and self-denying in her work as one well can be, perhaps not always judicious. Her impaired health and some differences of opinion among the parents rendered it advisable in the judgment of the prudential committee, (and we agreed with him,) to procure a male teacher for the remainder of the year. The man kept a good school, although some of the children were not sent, who ordinarily go to the school.

This statement concerning the several schools is not to be regarded as an exhaustive statement; for in reference to many of them, nothing very special needs be said. They are *fair* schools, showing some defects and some excellencies, each school exhibiting more or less of the distinctive qualities which the teacher shows in his or her own character.

A few suggestions not intended for any one teacher, yet not equally pertinent to all, will not be out of place.

1. Let the teachers avoid a noisy and bustling manner. We have frequently had occasion to observe that those who talk most do not always accomplish most. Especially if they speak in a loud and imperious or scolding tone, what they say has little effect. A gentleman who has had much experience in dealing with large companies of children from the most degraded families in New York city, remarked that any teacher who gave signs of excited passion when dealing with those children immediately lost his influence over them. Such is human nature every-where. Our teachers should accustom themselves to speak always in a mild tone even when reproofing the scholars. And we think that most of them would have greater influence, if they would talk less. A noisy teacher will certainly have a noisy school.

2. Every thing is in place in school, which, harmless in itself, will increase the interest of the children in their studies, and render the school attractive to them. Some of our teachers have been accustomed of late to have a few minutes spent each half-day in physical exercise. We think the effect upon the schools has been good, and recommend a continuance of the custom. Singing exerts



a similar influence, and is absolutely essential in schools of the lower grades. Some parents have requested that their children might be transferred from one school to another, on the ground that there was no singing in the school to which they properly belonged.

3. Each teacher should be, so far as possible, a perfect model for the scholars, in accuracy of scholarship, in generous enthusiasm, in refinement of manners and of speech, in government of the passions, and most of all in freedom from everything dishonest or degrading. Children are generally quick observers, and if any little trick is practised by the teacher for the sake of making the school appear better on examination day, or if personal dislike of any scholar is allowed to interfere with strict impartiality, or if the teacher is negligent of any duty, the influence of that teacher is essentially impaired.

The last year has been memorable in the history of our schools on account of the death of two of our teachers. We pause a moment before closing our report to pay a deserved tribute of respect to their memory. Miss Lois S. Belding who died December 13, 1862, had been engaged in teaching many years, and had taught in the Day Street school-house, first in the primary and afterwards in the secondary school, ten years. With conscientious fidelity she cared for the little ones committed to her keeping, and always left good impressions on their hearts, as well as taught them diligently and thoroughly.

Miss Helen E. Works, assistant in the High St. grammar school, and formerly teacher of the Day St. intermediate school, died March 21, 1863. While she attached her pupils to herself personally, she was especially successful in training them to habits of careful thought, and in developing in them that clearness of perception which was perhaps the most striking quality of her own mind. Both these women have left a good record as teachers, and their removal involves a serious loss to our schools.

KENDALL BROOKS,	} School Committee
FRANCIS E. CLEAVES,	
CHARLES H. B. SNOW,	
	of
	Fitchburg.

April 13, 1863.

## SCHEDULE OF STUDIES IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM.	FALL TERM.	WINTER TERM.
Latin Grammar and Reader, do. and Cæsar, do. and Virgil, do. and Cicero.	Latin Grammar and Reader, do. and Cæsar, do. and Virgil,	Latin Grammar and Reader, do. and Virgil, do. and Cicero,
Greek Grammar and Anabasis, Greek Grammar and Anabasis,	Greek Grammar and Lessons, do. and Anabasis,	Greek Grammar and Lessons, do. and Anabasis,
Greek and Latin Composition.	Greek and Latin Composition.	Greek and Latin Composition.
French Grammar and Reader, Some French Author,	French Grammar and Reader. Some French Author,	French Grammar and Reader, Some French Author.
Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry,	Arithmetic, Geometry, Trigonometry, or advanced Al- gebra.	Arithmetic and Algebra, Geometry,
History,	History,	History.
English Grammar,	English Grammar,	English Grammar. Watts on the Mind.
Physical Geography, or Botany*	Chemistry or Geology.* Natural Philosophy. Agriculture.	Natural Philosophy. Chemistry or Physiology.*

\*In alternate years.

In addition to the above which are daily studies, there are weekly exercises in reading, spelling and mental arithmetic, in which all the scholars are expected to participate, and a weekly recitation in ancient geography, or modern geography, or ancient history, for boys who are fitting for college.

An exercise in English composition is expected of every member of the school once in four weeks, and a declamation from each boy once in four weeks.

## COUSRE OF STUDIES AND TEXT BOOKS

IN THE DISTRICT AND GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

*Primary.* Hillard's First and Second Primary Readers.

*Secondary.* Hillard's Second and Third Primary Readers, Worcester's Spelling Book, Cornell's Primary Geography, Colburn's Child's Arithmetic.

*Intermediate.* Hillard's Fourth Class Reader, Worcester's Spelling Book, Cornell's Primary Geography, Colburn's Intellectual Arithmetic.

*Grammar, 3d and 4th Classes.* Sargent's Fourth Reader 2d Part, Worcester's Spelling Book, Colburn's Common School Arithmetic, Stoddard's Intellectual Arithmetic, Warren's Common School Geography.

*2d Class.* Same as the 3d and 4th classes, with the addition of Quackenbos's Grammar.

*1st Class.* Same as the 2d class, with the addition of Quackenbos's History of the United States.

In the district schools which are not graded, the same books are prescribed as for those which are graded and for the grammar schools.

The teachers are earnestly requested to see that only the books which are anthorized are used in their respective schools..



## MEMORANDA.

The current term of the high school will close on Friday, July 3.

The second term will begin on Monday, August 24, and close on the Friday preceding Thanksgiving.

The third term will begin on the Monday after Thanksgiving, and continue till Friday, March 11.

The examination for admission to the high school will be on Friday, March 25, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at which time all who desire to be admitted to the school will be expected to attend at the high school room, without further notice.

The terms of the grammar schools will be the same as those of the high school except that the winter term will begin one week later and will end one week earlier.

Scholars are transferred from the district to the grammar schools, at the beginning of the school year in March.

## SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	WAGES.	Under the Special charge of
		<i>Per year.</i>	
HIGH SCHOOL, - -	{ Hanson L. Read, A.M., 1st term, Frank H. Snow, A.B., 2d & 3d terms, Kate F. Haskell, - - - -	\$1000 } 800 } 270 }	Mr. B.
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, -			
High Street, - -	{ Levi W. Russell, A.M., - - - Helen E. Works, - - - -	600 200	" S.
Day Street, - -	{ Charles Lamb, - - - - Annie S. Haskell, - - - -	600 200	" B.
West, - - - -	Charles W. Carter, - - - -	550	" C.
		<i>Per month.</i>	
DISTRICT SCHOOLS,			
District No. 1.	West St. Intermediate, Anna P. Marshall, - - - -	20	" S.
	West St. Primary, Cynthia A. Jewett, - - - -	20	" "
	High St. Intermediate, Mary E. Russell, - - - -	20	" B.
	High St. Secondary, Martha M. Fairbanks, - - -	20	" "
	High St. Primary, { Caroline M. Stone, 1st term, - Eliza F. Stone, 2d & 3d terms, -	20	" "
		20	" C.
	Day St. Intermediate, Eliza S. C. Trask, - - - -	20	" "
	Day St. Secondary, { Lois S. Belding, 1st & 2d term, - Susan Perry, 3d term, - - -	20	" "
		20	" "
	Day St. Primary, S. Augusta Dean, - - - -	20	" "
	South St. Intermediate, { Helen A. Woodward, 1st term, - Carrie C. Davis, 2d & 3d terms, -	20	" B.
		20	" "
	South St. Secondary, Mary E. Smith, - - - -	20	" "
	South St. Primary, Louisa A. Smith, - - - -	20	" "
	East Street, { Rebecca E. Boutelle, 1st term, - Harriet P. Gates, 2d term, - Hannah P. Pierce, 3d term, -	20	" C.
		20	
		20	
District No. 2, - -	Mary C. Greene, - - - -	20	" S.
District No. 3, - -	{ Lucy Ellis, 1st & 2d terms, - -	24	" "
	{ Mary C. Lowe, 3d term, - - -	24	" "
District No. 4, - -	Clara D. Hosmer, - - - -	18	" "
District No. 5, - -	{ Lizzie Graham, 1st term, - -	20	" C.
	{ Maria M. Woodbury, 2d & 3d terms, -	20	" "
District No. 6, - -	Lizzie A. Downe, - - - -	20	" S.
District No. 7, - -	{ Eliza F. Stone, - - - -	20	" "
	{ Mary A. Russell, - - - -	20	" "
District No. 8, - -	Mary J. Davis, - - - -	20	" "
District No. 9, - -	{ Maria M. Woodbury, 1st term, -	20	" C.
	{ Rebecca E. Boutelle, 2d term, -	20	" "
District No. 10, - -	{ Harriet P. Gates, 1st term, - -	20	" C.
	{ Ellen A. Smith, 2d term, - - -	20	" "
District No. 11, - -	Harriet A. Taylor, - - - -	18	" C.
District No. 12, - -	{ Mary A. Burnap, 1st & 2d terms, -	18	" B.
	{ Lewis Wetherbee, 3d term, - -	28	" "

## ATTENDANCE EACH TERM.

SCHOOLS.	FIRST TERM.			SECOND TERM.			THIRD TERM.			
	Whole No.	Average mem- bership.	Average attend- ance.	Whole No.	Average mem- bership.	Average attend- ance.	Whole No.	Average mem- bership.	Average attend- ance.	
HIGH SCHOOL,	112	103	92	87	75	65	62	49	45	
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS,										
High Street,	102	98	95	95	93	89	103	94	89	
Day Street,	89	81	76	73	64	62	80	69	65	
West,	49	44	43	46	45	41	43	41	38	
DISTRICT SCHOOLS.										
District No. 1.	West St. Intermediate,	40	38	34	44	42	36	39	37	35
	West St. Primary.	60	56	51	68	59	51	42	41	36
	High St. Intermediate,	52	50	48	46	44	40	47	47	43
	High St. Secondary,	56	54	51	55	52	49	47	46	43
	High St. Primary,	58	55	50	48	46	42	50	50	45
	Day St. Intermediate,	65	63	58	55	50	49	54	53	42
	Day St. Secondary,	55	54	52	58	51	46	48	43	42
	Day St. Primary,	67	63	59	64	60	55	60	58	56
	South St. Intermediate,	48	46	38	41	37	32	31	30	28
	South St. Secondary,	58	55	49	50	48	45	54	54	47
	South St. Primary,	61	55	50	66	58	54	50	49	46
	East Street,	30	29	24	37	34	31	35	32	31
	District No. 2,	50	44	43	46	42	41	49	46	43
	“ No. 3,									
	“ No. 4,	18	17	16	16	16	15	24	23	22
	“ No. 5,	36	29	24	36	35	31	32	29	25
	“ No. 6,	24	23	22	22	21	18	19	19	17
	“ No. 7,	20	19	17	24	21	20	18	17	16
“ No. 8,	52	49	44	57	55	40	47	46	44	
“ No. 9,	21	20	14	34	31	25				
“ No. 10,	18	16	14				20	17	17	
“ No. 11,	34	32	29	35	34	29	32	29	28	
“ No. 12,	27	25	20	26	23	19	16	14	11	
Total,	1302	1218	1113	1229	1136	1025	1102	1033	954	



## ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR.

SCHOOLS.	Whole Number.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Ratio of Attendance to Membership.	Instances of Lateness during the year.	No. not once absent.				No. not absent or late	
						First Term.	Second Term.	Third Term.	For the Year.		
HIGH SCHOOL,	119	75	67	.89	41	35	18	11	7	5	
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS,											
High Street,	113	95	91	.96	52	58	35	31	13	13	
Day Street,	101	72	69	.96	34	26	22	14	4	3	
West,	56	42	40	.95	48	18	11	9	4	2	
DISTRICT SCHOOLS											
District No. 1.	West St. Intermediate,	45	39	35	.90	35	8	8	9	1	1
	West St. Primary,	74	54	48	.89	61	10	10	16	2	
	High St. Intermediate,	56	47	44	.94	52	22	11	20	6	3
	High St. Secondary,	65	50	49	.98	59	23	19	26	11	5
	High St. Primary,	68	50	46	.92	71	13	7	16	3	1
	Day St. Intermediate,	79	56	51	.90	89	25	15	26	5	4
	Day St. Secondary,	63	48	47	.98	30	27	25	15	8	8
	Day St. Primary,	86	61	51	.84	39	16	11	28	4	3
	South St. Intermediate,	58	40	32	.80	147	8	5	10	3	3
	South St. Secondary,	68	52	47	.90	59	15	21	23	7	7
	South St. Primary,	78	55	51	.92	91	9	13	21	4	
	East Street,	48	30	28	.93	52	9	5	13	3	3
	District No. 2,	55	44	42	.96	267	7	12	10	1	
	“ No. 3,										
	“ No. 4,	26	18	17	.94	36	8	6	5	4	4
	“ No. 5,	43	28	27	.96	224	1	4			
	“ No. 6,	26	21	19	.90	22	12	6	8	4	4
	“ No. 7,	26	19	18	.95	7	10	6	5	1	1
	“ No. 8,	66	51	42	.82	27	9	8	15	3	3
	“ No. 9,	40	26	20	.77	96	3	2		2	1
	“ No. 10,	21	17	16	.94	69	3		5	2	
	“ No. 11,	44	32	29	.90	31	13	8	7	5	5
	“ No. 12,	39	22	18	.82	90	12	1	2	1	
Total.	1563	1144	1054	.92	1809	400	289	345	108	79	

## EXPENSES OF THE SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	Money Appropriated.	Length of Schools in Weeks.	Amount paid Teachers.	Fuel and care of Rooms.	Whole expense.	Weekly expense for each Scholar.
HIGH SCHOOL,		42	\$1165.95	\$154.10	\$1320.05	\$.42
GRAM. SCHOOLS,						
High Street,		40	920.33	134.20	1054.53	.28
Day Street,	\$4004.33	40	910.33	122.15	1032.48	.36
West,		40	604.50	66.04	670.54	.40
DIST. SCHOOLS,						
West St. Int.		25	125.00			
West St. Pri.		25	125.00			
High St. Int.		25	125.00			
High St. Sec.		25	125.00			
High St. Pri.		25	125.00			
Day St. Int.		25	125.00	205.69	1701.69	.12
Day St. Sec.	1701.69	24	121.00			
Day St. Pri.		25	125.00			
South St. Int.		25	125.00			
South St. Sec.		25	125.00			
South St. Pri.		25	125.00			
East Street.		25	125.00			
District No. 2,	147,33	26	130.00	17.33	147.33	.13
" No. 3,	134,45	21	126.00	8.45	134.45	
" No. 4,	135,00	27	121.50	13.50	135.00	.27
" No. 5,	138,00	26	130.00	8.00	138,00	.20
" No. 6,	139,37	26	130.00	9,37	139.37	.25
" No. 7,	140,00	26	130.00	10.00	140.00	.29
" No. 8,	135,00	26	130.00	5.00	135.00	.10
" No. 9,	121,15	21	105.00	16:15	121.15	.22
" No. 10,	134,55	24	120.00	14.55	134.55	.33
" No. 11,	140,75	28	126.00	14.75	140.75	.15
" No. 12,	135,00	23	121.10	13.90	135.00	.27
Total,	7206,62		6466.71	813.18	7279,89	

# AUDITORS' REPORT.

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The Board of Auditors chosen at the last annual meeting of the Town have examined the accounts of the various departments of the Town government and submit the following as the result of their labors.

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## HIGHWAYS.

Under this general heading we have grouped together all the expenditures of the year upon Highways, Bridges, Sidewalks, Sluices and Crossings, including building new, and repairs and care of the old.

### REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Levi Downe,	\$48 05
Walter Wiswell,	45 25
Silas Pratt,	692 90
Joel Page,	40 86
Thomas Sheldon,	54 89
Daniel Works,	50 83
E. W. Harris,	60 51
Joseph Upton,	30 75
James Cain,	3 96
James McIntire,	76 24
Silas Hosmer,	60 14
D. S. Eaton,	23 35
E. C. Hayden,	737 98
Edwin D. Works,	94 01
George E. Waite,	161 25
Charles K. Sawyer,	15 17
Jonathan Whitman,	108 74
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Carried over,	2304 88



<i>Brought over,</i>	2304 88	
Paid Levi L. Shattuck,	61 25	
Benjamin Safford,	50 26	
Edward Smith,	39 80	
James P. Putnam,	38 55	
Oliver Kendall,	22 99	
Crocker and Wheeler,	25 00	
S. A. Wheeler & Co.,	6 95	
N. B. Hadley,	1 63	
	<hr/>	2551 31

## REPAIRS OF BRIDGES.

Paid James P. Putnam,	131 96	
Jonathan Whitman,	33 53	
Litch & Sawtell,	10 00	
Arnold Wilson,	15 33	
Sheldon & Works, for plank,	35 97	
George E. Waite,	22 76	
D. F. McIntire, for plank,	5 90	
	<hr/>	255 45

## RAILINGS FOR HIGHWAYS.

Paid Milo Robbins, Westminster road,	43 70	
Abel Marshall,	12 04	
E. W. Harris, turnpike,	40 46	
E. D. Works, Ashburnham road,	32 52	
William H. Goodwin, Goodwin street,	12 55	
Jonathan Whitman,	13 42	
E. C. Hayden,	18 77	
Levi Downe,	4 00	
Z. Young,	14 00	
George E. Waite,	21 00	
E. D. Works,	2 98	
	<hr/>	215 44

## CULVERTS AND SLUICES.

Paid S. A. Wheeler & Co., on Walnut st.,	14 00
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## REMOVALS OF SNOW.

Paid Charles K. Sawyer, in April, 1862,	14 80	
Jonathan Whitman,	5 00	
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<i>Carried over,</i>	19.80	3036 20

<i>Brought over,</i>	19 80	3036 20
E. W. Harris,	5 99	
D. S. Eaton,	3 30	
Oliver Kendall,	2 68	
James McIntire,	7 84	
E. C. Hayden,	18 44	
Levi Downe,	6 01	
Daniel Works,	10 00	
Silas Pratt,	19 84	
Edward Smith	1 25	
Levi L. Shattuck,	3 30	
E. D. Works,	3 98	
Benjamin Safford,	2 12	
Joel Page,	10 45	
Walter Wiswell,	10 29	
James P. Putnam,	2 75	
	<hr/>	128 04
Total of expenditure under the special appropriation for repairs of Highways, &c.,		3164 24
Amount raised and appropriated by vote for repairs of Highways and Bridges, Culverts and removals of Snow, including overlayings,		5147 13
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Balance of funds unexpended,		1982 89

By reference to the Report of last year, p. 23, it will be seen that there was then an unexpended balance of \$2512 22. In the two previous years, however, the expenditures were in excess of the appropriations by the sum of \$2752 54. Consequently we have not brought the balance of last year into the account of the present one. We believe that in future the balance either way should be carried into the account of the ensuing year, and have so arranged it in the present Report.

#### SIDE WALKS AND CROSSINGS.

Paid J. R. Haskell,	7 80	
A Wetherbee & Co.,	13 35	
	<hr/>	21 15

## LIGHTING STREETS.

Paid Gas Company,	452 69	
S. P. Emory,	128 12	
J. W. Allen & Co.,	7 20	
A. A. Beckwith,	8 20	
Levi Stevens,	4 02	
	<hr/>	600 23

## WATERING STREETS.

Paid Lucius Wallace, committee,	78 81	
C. W. Jaquith,	98 62	
S. E. Atherthon, repairs of tank,	6 00	
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## SUNDRIES.

Paid N. B. Hadley, damages on Highway,	62 50	
D. W. Bemis, surveying,	2 50	
	<hr/>	65 00

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## EDUCATION.

Under this head we have arranged all expenditures for educational purposes, including Schools and Library.

Amount raised and appropriated by vote for High and Grammar and District Schools,	7000 00	
Due of last years appropriations,	2000 00	
Received from Commonwealth,	265 12	
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Total of available funds,		9265 12



*Apportioned as follows:*

	Balances due March 31, 1862.	Appropriations for 1862.	State Fund.	Totals.
HIGH AND GRAMMAR,	\$2000 00	3790 71	213 62	6004 33
District No. 1,		1701 69		1701 69
No. 2,		147 33		147 33
No. 3,		134 45		134 45
No. 4,		135 00		135 00
No. 5,		138 00		138 00
No. 6,		139 37		139 37
No. 7,		140 00		140 00
No. 8,		135 00		135 00
No. 9,		121 15		121 15
No. 10,		134 55		134 55
No. 11,		140 75		140 75
No. 12,		135 00		135 00
Town of Ashby for Schooling J. K. Gib- son's children.		7 00		7 00
Maps, charts, &c.,			51 50	51 50
Totals as above,	2000 00	7000 00	265 12	9265 12

Of these amounts there has been expended,  
as per vouchers filed, 7338 39  
Leaving due from Town, 1926 73  
Totals as before, ———— 9265 12

*Expenditures as follows:*

	Expenditures.	Balances due.	Totals.
HIGH AND GRAMMAR,	4077 60	1926 73	6004 33
District No. 1,	1701 69		1701 69
No. 2,	147 33		147 33
No. 3,	134 45		134 45
No. 4,	135 00		135 00
No. 5,	138 00		138 00
No. 6,	139 37		139 37
No. 7,	140 00		140 00
No. 8,	135 00		135 00
No. 9,	121 15		121 15
No. 10,	134 55		134 55
No. 11,	140 75		140 75
No. 12,	135 00		135 00
Schooling of J. K. Gib- son's children.	7 00		7 00
For Maps, charts &c.,	51 50		51 50
Totals as before,	7338 39	1926 73	9265 12

## SCHOOL HOUSES AND FURNITURE.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

Paid Aurora Lodge, for settees,	\$12 00	
J. W. Allen & Co., Day street,	50 76	
J. W. Allen & Co., High street,	14 05	
Waldo Wallace,	3 83	
W. F. White, High street,	6 75	
Daniel Messinger, High street,	8 50	
Daniel Messinger, Day street,	4 25	
Amos Durant, Day street,	6 57	
Parkhurst & Aldrich,	15 02	
A. A. Beckwith,	8 58	
Francis Phillips, East street,	3 78	
A. Wetherbee & Co., Day street,	21 60	
Jones & Bateman,	28 28	
F. E. Cleaves, Day street,	62	
Lucius Aldrich, High street,	6 69	
George Robbins,	3 37	
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## DISTRICT No. 5.

Paid L. E. Osborn,	1 60	
Parkhurst & Aldrich,	29 75	— 31 35

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Paid John Whitney,	45	
S. A. Wheeler & Co.,	2 00	— 2 45

## DISTRICT No. 10.

Paid A. Wilkins,		1 35
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## DISTRICT No. 11.

Paid Alden Phelps,		— 1 35
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## DISTRICT No. 12.

Paid Parkhurst & Aldrich,	5 72	
Stephen McIntire,	97	— 6 69

Total of expenditures,	237 84	
Add appraised value March 31, 1863,	42 078 62	

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42 316 46

Deduct appraised value March 31, 1864,	42 074 21	
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Depreciation and repairs of School Houses, and Furniture for the year.	242 25	
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## TOWN LIBRARY.

Appraised value March 31, 1862,	3000 00	
Paid to order of Trustees,	650 00	
	<hr/>	3650 00
Appraised value March 31, 1863,		3250 00
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Depreciation and care,		400 00
For a more detailed account of the operations of the Library department, see Trustees Report.		

## SUNDRIES.

Paid Horse hire School Committee,	27 50	
Wm. P. Tilden, Services on Com.	24 00	
C. H. B. Snow, " "	29 25	
F. E. Cleaves, " "	51 75	
Kendall Brooks " "	120 00	
School Books (Net amount).	53 55	
	<hr/>	306 05

## SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF POOR.

## ALMSHOUSE.

Appraised value of Pauper Establishment,		
March 31, 1862,	\$12491 31	
Expenditures during the year,	1769 04	
	<hr/>	14260 35
<i>Contra.</i>		
Receipts and Sundries sold,	888 27	
Appraised value of property March 31, 1863,	12317 31	
	<hr/>	13205 58
Total Expenses at Almshouse,		1054 77
For further details of operations at Almshouse, see report of Overseers of the Poor.		



## SUPPORT OF POOR OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid M. J. Morse, for coffins &c.,	28 00
S. G. Proctor, for C. P. Farnsworth,	3 37
Mary Flynn, for Mrs. Shine,	6 00
Fiske & Co.,	2 50
T. B. Goodhue, for Samuel Hunt,	10 00
Jane A. Holden, for Peter Washburn,	103 15
Mary Conner, for Mrs. McGinnis,	36 00
Norman Stone, sundries,	154 55
Martin Thompson, for Eliza Wetherbee,	18 22
Charles Ide, sundries,	50 24
Waldo Wallace, sundries,	63 80
L. B. Brown, sundries,	3 00
Mechanics Union,	64 70
State Lunatic Hospital,	284 95
C. W. Jaquith, sundries,	112 25
W. Whitney, sundries,	1 25
Abigail Reed, for Mrs. J. W. Vear,	9 00
State Reform School, for James McGrath,	19 50
Willard H. Lowe, for wood,	5 00
D. H. Merriam, for Mrs. Brimblecom,	52 00
H. D. Beckwith, for Mrs. R. Thomas,	2 98
Silas Whitney, for John Lawless,	1 25
George Robbins, sundries,	46 00
Nathan Upham, sundries,	103 41
M. D. Allen, for Mrs. Thomas,	1 84
Dr. A. Miller, for J. A. Bruce,	13 25
Hannah Clark, for Mrs. McGinnis,	4 00
E. W. Manning, sundries,	23 67
H. A. Hatch, sundries,	75 34
Town of Leominster, for C. Baldwin's family,	5 00
John Leahy for Mrs. Hannegan,	5 50
C. A. Verder, for Mrs. A. Rice,	3 00
Levi Kendall, for Mrs. C. Watson,	3 26
D. R. Streeter, for Mrs. Warren,	9 01
E. N. Choate, sundries,	120 01
S. A. Gibson, sundries,	35 00
Amos Sawyer, for Mrs. Brimblecom,	3 00
Silas Pratt, for Mrs. Sullivan,	2 00
Samuel Battles, for Fanny Evans,	9 00
Levi Downe, sundries,	99 75
Bridget Horan, for George Near,	12 50
<i>Carried over,</i>	1606 25

<i>Brought over,</i>	1606 25	
I. C. Wright, sundries,	12 75	
I. Carleton & Co., sundries,	24 77	
Sabin & Cowdin, for George Near,	10 63	
Cyrus Thurston, sundries,	24 86	
Jonathan Whitman for Moses Perkins,	13 19	
Johanna Fitzpatrick, for Mary Crowley,	1 25	
J. K. Glibson, for Alexander McMan,	17 50	
D. Jennison, sundries,	12 46	
William Murnane, sundries,	3 44	
Johanna Conner, for Mrs. Haynes,	1 14	
Crocker, Burbank & Co., for James Gorman,	7 88	
C. Upton, sundries,	6 33	
H. P. Andrews, sundries,	70 50	
Wm. Baldwin, sundries,	7 81	
Kendall Brooks, expenses to Leicester,	9 75	
J. B. Lane, sundries,	11 66	
John Choate, sundries,	1 57	
E. C. Hayden, sundries,	8 00	
L. Sprague & Co., sundries,	77 29	
W. F. Day, sundries,	7 50	
J. L. Tenney, sundries,	9 47	
Corlis Childs, for Susan M. Lowe,	52 00	
D. F. McIntire, for M. O'Donnell,	2 00	
Medical Attendance,	77 00	
William Baker, for Mrs. May,	4 50	
George Robbins, sundries,	23 18	
John Leahy, for Margaret Hannegan,	6 50	
Cyrus Thurston, expenses to Grafton,	4 10	
S. D. Willis, for sundries,	24 54	
Wm. Goodwin, for F. H. Brimblecom,	5 00	
Due Lunatic Hospital,	73 00	
“ State Reform School,	6 50	
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<i>Contra,</i>		
Received of City of Lynn,	56 43	
“ Templeton,	3 00	
“ Groton,	9 00	
“ Westminster,	72 43	
“ Lunenburg,	10 00	
“ Gardner,	155 10	
“ Northfield,	22 00	
“ South Reading,	33 62	
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<i>Carried over,</i>	361 58	2224 32

	<i>Brought over,</i>	361 58	2224 32
Rec'd	for support of James May's family,	27 00	
"	for sale of C. Spencer's effects,	5 00	
"	of Luther E. Lane,	2 00	
"	of Commonwealth,	52 00	
"	for support of A. J. Deane,	71 73	
Due from Commonwealth,		30 00	
"	Westminster;	3 00	
"	James May,	30 49	
"	Groton,	11 50	
"	Templeton,	9 62	
"	Lynn,	17 25	
"	Lunenburg,	33 64	
"	Mary Sullivan,	16 66	
"	Dorchester,	14 00	
"	Oxford,	30 00	
"	Gardner,	36 50	
"	E. G. Southwick,	17 75	
"	for support of Sylvester Haynes family,	27 26	
		<hr/>	796 98
Total support of Poor outside Almshouse,			<hr/> 1427 34

## SUNDRIES.

Paid C. W. Jaquith, Overseer,	40 00	
Cyrus Thurston, Overseer,	50 00	
W. H. Vose, Overseer,	20 00	
George Robbins, Overseer,	25 00	
A. R. Ordway, Overseer,	20 00	
	<hr/>	155 00

## RECAPITULATION.

Support of Poor outside,	1427 34	
Expenses at Almshouse,	1054 77	
Sundries,	155 00	
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Whole expense for support and assistance of the Poor,		2637 11



# FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## ENGINES AND HOUSES.

Appraised value of Houses, Apparatus, and Fixtures, March 31, 1862,	10278 25
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Expenditures as follows,

Paid C. P. Marshall for repairing hose,	10 25
Wright and Kendall for hose,	203 00
Lucius Aldrich for repairs on No. 1,	5 11
Lucius Aldrich for repairs on No. 2,	28 03
Lucius Aldrich for repairs on No. 3,	9 37
Lucius Aldrich for repairs on No. 4,	2 50
Lucius Aldrich for repairs on No. 5,	6 07
Lucius Aldrich for repairs on Hook and Ladder,	58
Lucius Aldrich for repairs on steam whistle,	6 67
	271 58

### *Contra.*

Received for damage on House No. 2,	2 57
For sale of old Engine,	100 00
For sale of old Hose carriage,	6 00
	108 57
	163 01

Appraised value March 31, 1863,	10441 26
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Repairs and depreciation of property,	15 26
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## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Firemen one month to May 1st,	140 83
Engineers " " 1st,	9 58
Woolen Mill for rent of land for No. 3,	15 00
Lucius Aldrich for Hook and Ladder,	26 25
Lucius Aldrich for No. 1,	25 31
Lucius Aldrich for No. 2,	26 32
Lucius Aldrich for No. 3,	25 61
Lucius Aldrich for No. 4,	22 98
Lucius Aldrich for No. 5,	18 43
David Boutelle for rent of land, No. 2,	12 50
Gas Company,	4 00
Due Firemen for 11 months,	2091 83
" Engineers for 11 months,	116 42
	2535 06

## RECAPITULATION.

Repairs and depreciation of property,	15 26
Miscellaneous expenses,	2535 06

Total expenses of Fire Department,	2550 35
For further details of operations of this department see Engineer's report	

## TOWN HOUSE.

Appraised Value March 31, 1862,	20714 25
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Expenditures as follows :

Paid Norman Stone for coal,	9 75	
J. H. Kinsman repairing case,	7 73	
S. P. Emory, care of house,	128 13	
Gas Company,	232 40	
J. W. Allen & Co.,	29 63	
Sabin & Cowdin for coal,	51 00	
S. P. Emory for wood,	20 46	
E. W. Manning for painting,	7 50	
Litch & Sawtell,	75	
A. A. Beckwith,	3 50	
A. Wetherbee & Co.,	15 94	
H. P. Andrews for wood,	7 41	
Charles Fessenden,	3 00	
Lucius Aldrich,	2 67	
		519 87
		21234 12

*Contra.*

Received for rent of Post Office,	100 00
"    "    " cellar,	80 00
"    "    " halls,	300 87
"    "    " court rooms,	300 00
Due    "    "    " halls,	70 24
	851 11
Appraised value March 31, 1863,	20740 25

21591 36

Excess of receipts over expenditures,	357 24
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## TAXES.

### EXPENSES OF ASSESSMENT.

Paid Isaac P. Woodward as Assessor.	\$127 50	
William Woodward, jr., as     "	125 00	
John Upton as                     "	125 00	
For postage and expressage,	1 38	
	<u>          </u>	378 88

### EXPENSES OF COLLECTION AND DISCOUNT.

Paid J. M. Woodbury for collections,	300 00	
J. M. Woodbury for discounts,	1692 53	
Due J. M. Woodbury for collections,	75 00	
	<u>          </u>	2067 53

### ABATEMENTS.

Paid Lucinda Gibson, per vote of town,	16 63	
A. P. Kimball per vote of town,	31 17	
J. M. Woodbury per Assessors,	77 15	
J. M. Woodbury, for release of soldiers taxes,	242 55	
	<u>          </u>	367 50
Total assessment, collection and abatements,		<u>2813 91</u>

### STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State Tax,	8190 00	
County Tax	4936 53	
	<u>          </u>	13126 53

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## LIQUOR AGENCIES.

### JAMES B. LANE.

Liquor on hand March 31, 1862, (nett)	642 08	
Cash paid for services,	125 00	
	<u>          </u>	
<i>Carried over,</i>		767 08



*Brought over,*

\$767 08

*Contra.*

Cash paid to Treasurer,		229 17	
Liquor on hand March 31, 1863,	750 00		
Less for cash due from Town,	48 94	701 06	
			930 23
Gain at Lane's Agency,			163 15

## JOHN CHOATE.

Liquor on hand March 31, 1862,		143 75	
Cash on hand March 31, 1862,		1 50	
Cash for services,		62 50	
			207 75

*Contra.*

Liquor on hand March 31, 1863,	224 51		
Less for cash due from Town,	46 09	178 42	
Cash allowed in settlement,		62 50	
			240 92
Gain at Choate's Agency,			33 17

## J. B. ARNOLD.

Liquor on hand March 31, 1862,		180 00	
Cash on hand March 31, 1862,		82 13	
Cash paid for services,		62 50	
			324 63

*Contra.*

Liquor on hand March 31, 1863,		259 54	
Cash on hand, " "		60 10	
Cash allowed in settlement,		83 33	
			402 97
Gain at Arnold's Agency,			78 34

Aggregate gain in Liquor Traffic, 274 66

## SALARIES.

Paid John T. Farwell, Town Clerk,	\$172 69	
E. Torrey, Treasurer,	50 00	
C. W. Jaquith, Selectman,	140 00	
Cyrus Thurston, "	130 00	
William H. Vose, "	115 00	
George Robbins, "	155 00	
A. R. Ordway, "	160 00	
Isaac B. Woodward, appraising town pro-		
perty,	10 00	
John Upton, appraising town property,	10 00	
William Woodbury, jr., appraising town		
property,	10 00	
Due S. P. Emory, for ringing bell,	40 00	
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## EXPENSES OF BURIALS.

Appraised value of Hearses and House,		
March 31, 1862,		255 00
Expenditures as follows :		
Paid Burgess & Lawrence, on hearse house,	77 37	
Arnold Wilson, " "	200 00	
J. W. Allen & Co., " "	6 08	
Burgess & Lawrence for sundries,	22 67	
N. A. Tufts, for painting hearse,	4 00	
Charles Fessenden for repairs on hearse,	1 87	
Samuel Carter,	462 71	
	<hr/>	774 70
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		1029 70
Appraised value of Hearses and House,		
March 31, 1863,		491 00
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Total expense of Burials,		538 70

## INTEREST.

Paid sundry parties, during the year,	\$1725 59	
Due for interest on notes,	1637 84	
	<hr/>	3363 43

## MILITARY.

### AID TO SOLDIER'S FAMILIES.

Amount drawn by the Selectmen,		15593 00
<i>Contra,</i>		
Due from Commonwealth,	14943 16	
Amount in hands of Selectmen,	92 37	
	<hr/>	15035 53
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		557 47

### BOUNTIES.

Paid Volunteers,		25250 00
<i>Contra.</i>		
Received from City of Boston,	1700 00	
Capt. E. T. Miles, refunded,	100 00	
	<hr/>	1800 00
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		23450 00

### SUNDRIES.

Paid for gas in armories,	13 00	
Fiske & Co, sundries,	49 64	
For shirts for soldiers,	70 78	
Hitchcock & Miller examining recruits,	93 00	
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	226 42	
<i>Contra.</i>		
Due from United States for examining recruits,	93 00	133 42
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## SUNDRIES.

### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Joseph Pierce repairs on town clock,	\$2 45	
W. G. Tolman distributing envelopes,	3 00	
Levi Simonds, " "	3 00	
A. McAuslin, on town clock,	33 00	
William Woodbury services as Committee,	8 00	
E. B. Hayward, services as constable,	2 00	
A. A. Beckwith, repairs, old town house,	4 02	
H. J. Lowe, repairs, town clock,	6 00	
C. H. B. Snow for legal services,	3 00	
A. P. Kimball, reward for detection of thief,	70 00	
F. Buttrick, jr., " " " "	70 00	
Wood & Torrey for legal services,	184 39	
C. W. Jaquith, horse hire for Selectmen,	10 75	
Geo. Robbins for sundries,	2 45	
A. R. Ordway,	5 81	
Due Lovejoy & Marshall reward for detection		
of thief,	60 00	
Printing,	142 55	
Books and Stationery,	46 00	
	<hr/>	656 42

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## RECAPITULATION OF INCOME AND EXPENSES.

### INCOME.

Raised by Tax as follows:	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	\$16500 00
Overlayings in do,	1432 52
Repairs of Highways,	5000 00
Overlayings on do,	147 13
Schools,	7000 00
State and County Tax,	13126 53
Commonwealth School Fund,	265 12
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<i>Carried over,</i>	43,471 30

<i>Brought over,</i>	\$43,471 30	
Tax on Dogs,	142 00	
Gain at Liquor Agencies,	274 66	
Gain in Town House account,	357 24	
Received for License of Auctioneers,	4 00	
for Dividend on Railroad Stock,	12 00	
for     "      on Gas,            "	9 00	
for License of Circus,	25 00	
for Grass sold in Cemetery,	21 00	
for Old Plank sold,	2 00	
for Rent of Old Town House,	106 50	
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Total Income for the year,		44,424 70

## EXPENSES.

Repairs of Highway, Bridges, Culverts, Sluices, Railings, and removal of snow,	3164 24	
Sidewalks and crossings,	21 15	
Lighting streets,	600 23	
Watering streets,	183 43	
Sundries,	65 00	
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Total Highway expenses,		4034 05
Schools,	7338 39	
Repairs and depreciation of School Houses and Furniture,	242 25	
Library depreciation,	400 00	
Sundries,	306 05	
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Total Educational expenses,		8286 69
Support and assistance of Poor,	2637 11	
Fire Department,	2550 32	
Assessment, collection and abatement of taxes,	2813 91	
State and County taxes,	13126 53	
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<i>Carried over,</i>	21,127 87	12,320 74

<i>Brought over,</i>	\$21,127 87	12,320 74
Salaries,	992 69	
Expenses of Burials,	238 70	
Interest on debt,	3363 43	
Military Bounties,	23450 00	
Aid to soldiers families, &c.,	690 89	
Sundries,	656 42	
	<hr/>	50820 00
Total expenses for the year ending March 31, 1863,		<hr/> 63140 74
Income brought over,		44424 70
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Excess of expenses over Income,		18716 04



## E. TORREY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH

*Dr.*

To Cash from overseers, of Lynn, support of paupers,	\$56 43
“ “ S. Reading, “ “	39 12
“ “ Westminster, “ “	72 43
“ “ Templeton, “ “	10 45
“ “ Groton, “ “	12 00
“ “ Lunenburg, “ “	10 00
“ “ Dracut, “ “	14 73
“ “ Belchertown, “ “	13 85
“ “ Gardner, “ “	155 10
“ “ Northfield, “ “	22 00
“ “ West Boylston, “ “	100 00
“ “ D. H. Merriam, Guardian,	71 73
“ for supporting James May,	27 00
“ “ Luther E. Lane, Adm'r,	90 00
“ “ Chandler Spencer's estate,	5 00
“ from Selectmen for rent of old Town House,	98 50
“ “ “ new Town House,	502 87
“ “ damage to an Engine House,	2 57
“ “ old Engine sold,	100 00
“ “ old Hose Carriage sold,	6 00
“ “ License of Auctioneers,	4 00
“ “ “ Circus,	25 00
“ “ Grass sold on new Cemetery,	21 00
“ “ error in Gas bill,	8 40
“ “ old Plank sold,	2 00
“ “ from J. B. Lane, sale of Liquors,	229 17
“ “ Capt. E. T. Miles for Bounty refunded,	100 00
“ “ A. P. Kimball, Collector 1861, for taxes pd. after abatem't,	6 03
“ “ Boston, for Bounty to Vol'rs,	7000 00
“ from Commonwealth for supporting Paupers,	87 71
“ “ for School Fund,	265 12
“ “ Militia Bounty,	245 00
“ “ Rent of Armories,	200 00
“ “ Aid to families of Volunteers,	3,011 39
“ from School Committee for Fuel used in Private Schools,	15 75
<i>Carried over,</i>	<hr/> 12,620 35

## WITH THE TOWN OF FITCHBURG.

	Cr.
By Balance due the Treasurer, April 1, 1862,	\$1,444 46
By cash paid Mrs. Towne, interest on cash borrowed,	72 00
“ Mrs. Perkins, “ “	60 00
“ Mrs. Billings, “ “	120 00
“ A. J. Stone, “ “	72 00
“ Charles Sawtell, “ “	60 00
“ Fitchburg Savings Bank, do. do. “	2,516 17
“ Miss Richardson, int. on cash borrowed,	50 00
“ A. J. Stone, in full for cash borrowed,	2,000 00
“ Fitchburg Savings Bank, do. do. “	68,000 00
“ State Tax,	8,190 00
“ Fire Department,	2,162 50
“ 136 Orders of Overseers,	3,526 60
“ 380 Orders of Selectmen,	65,164 84
“ Treasurer for his services,	50 00
“ Balance to new account,	474 39

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153,962 96

<i>Amount of Dr. brought over,</i>	12,620 35
“ from County of Worcester for support of Paupers,	168 31
“ “ “ for rent Court Rooms,	300 00
“ for Dividends on 2 shares F. & W. R. R. stock,	12 00
“ “ 3 “ Gas stock,	9 00
“ borrowed of Fitchburg Savings Bank,	104,000 00
“ of James M. Woodbury, Collector for 1862,	
in part of his bill,	36,853 30

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\$153,962 96

## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

March 31, 1863.

## PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Town House and lot,	20000 00
Furniture in same,	740 25
Old Town House and lot,	2000 00
High Street School House and lot,	12800 00
Furniture in same,	104 87
Old Academy and lot,	1500 00
Furniture in same,	10 00
West Street School House and lot	3100 00
Furniture in same,	35 15
South Street School House and lot,	5400 00
Furniture in same,	62 07
East Street School House and lot,	2000 00
Furniture in same,	29 52
Day Street School House and lot,	5200 00
Furniture in same,	70 32
District No. 2 school house and lot,	400 00
Furniture in same,	10 15
District No. 3 school house and lot,	1500 00
Furniture in same,	22 00
District No. 4 school house and lot,	450 00
Furniture in same,	8 70
District No. 5 school house and lot,	250 00
Furniture in same,	12 37
District No. 6 school house and lot,	350 00
Furniture in same,	6 20
District No. 7 school house and lot,	575 00
Furniture in same,	9 27
District No. 8 school house and lot,	1250 00
Furniture in same,	18 42
District No. 9 school house and lot,	375 00
Furniture in same,	7 00
District No. 10 school house and lot,	400 00
Furniture in same,	3 90
District No. 11 school house and lot,	2200 00
Furniture in same,	20 90
District No. 12 school house and lot,	475 00
Furniture in same,	6 50
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<i>Carried over,</i>	61,402 59



<i>Brought over,</i>	61,402 59	
Grammar School House and lot in West Fitchburg,	3300 00	
Furniture in same,	61 87	
Old School House, Pearl Hill,	50 00	
Engine No. 1, and fixtures,	1322 50	
House for the same,	400 00	
Engine No. 2, and fixtures,	1216 00	
House for the same,	450 00	
Engine No. 3 and fixtures,	1673 75	
House for the same,	500 00	
Engine No. 4 and fixtures,	1522 25	
House for the same,	550 00	
Engine No. 5 and fixtures,	1006 00	
House for the same,	575 00	
Hook and Ladder Carriage and fixtures,	445 00	
Hose Carriages and hose,	665 50	
Fire Alarm Steam Whistle,	100 00	
Two hearses,	225 00	
Hearse House,	266 00	
Interest in Town Clock,	100 00	
Force pump and water tank,	90 00	
Lamp posts and fixtures,	900 00	
Highway tools in hands of Agents,	15 00	
Town Farm and buildings,	7600 00	
Personal property at same,	2252 31	
Wanoosnac Hill,	1500 00	
Taylor Farm,	950 00	
Personal property at same,	15 00	
Cemetery lot,	900 00	
Library and fixtures,	3250 00	
Liquors in hands of Agents,	1234 05	
Two shares of F. & W. R. R. stock,	170 00	
Three shares of F. Gas stock,	120 00	
	<hr/>	94,827 82

## DEBTS RECEIVABLE.

Due from E. Page, on note,	80 49	
J. H. Wheeler,	50 00	
Estate of Charlotte Cooper,	347 50	
James May,	44 78	
J. T. Farwell, dog licences	166 00	
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<i>Carried over,</i>	688 77	94,827 82

<i>Brought over,</i>	688 77	94827 82
Town of Westminster,	3 00	
Town of Groton,	11 50	
Town of Templeton,	9 62	
Town of Lynn,	17 25	
Town of West Boylston,	193 29	
Town of Lunenburg,	33 64	
Town of Dorchester,	14 00	
Town of Oxford,	30 00	
Town of Gardner,	36 50	
Mary Sullivan,	16 66	
E. G. Southwick,	17 75	
For support of family of S. Haynes,	27 26	
From United States,	93 00	
For rent of Old Town House,	8 00	
For rent of halls,	70 24	
For cash drawn for soldier's families and unexpended,	92 37	
From Edwin Richardson,	28 84	
From David Smith,	9 14	
From County of Worcester,	185 00	
From Commonwealth,	17536 81	
J. M. Woodbury, collector,	1106 34	
From J. B. Arnold,	60 10	
Cash in the Treasury,	474 39	
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		115591 29

## DEBTS PAYABLE.

Due to Engineers,	116 42	
Firemen,	2091 83	
State Reform School,	6 50	
Lovejoy & Marshall,	60 00	
S. P. Emory,	40 00	
Lunatic Hospital,	73 00	
James B. Lane,	48 94	
John Choate,	46 09	
For Outstanding Orders,	1747 24	
Chas. Sawtell note,	600 00	
Mary F. Towne,	1200 00	
Sybil Richardson,	1000 00	
S. W. Billings,	2000 00	
R. A. Perkins,	1000 00	
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<i>Carried over,</i>	10030 02	115591 29

<i>Brought over,</i>	10030 02	115591 29
Due to Torrey & Wood, Trustees,	1000 00	
Fitchburg Savings Bank,	76000 00	
For interest on same,	1637 84	
	<hr/>	88667 86
Excess of property over debt,		<hr/> 26923 43

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Liabilities March 31, 1862, as reported,	55240 19	
Sundry bills not reported at that time,	190 70	
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Total liabilities March 31, 1862,	55430 89	
Subtract debts due to the Town		
March 31, 1862,	6744 44	
Sundry debts not reported at		
that time,	239 74	6984 18
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Leaving total nett debt March 31, 1862,		48446 71
Liabilities of the Town March 31, 1863,	88667 86	
Subtract amount due to the Town		
March 31, 1863,	20763 47	
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Leaving total nett debt March 31st 1863,		67904 39
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Increase of nett indebtedness during the year,		19457 68

We would say a word in explanation of the above statement respecting the debt. The town owed March 31, 1862, as above \$55,430.89, and March 31, 1863, \$88,667.86, having increased its indebtedness during the year \$33,236.97. But it has also increased its available assets \$13,779.29—thus; last year there was due to the town from sundry sources \$6,984.18, while this year, there are debts receivable as shown above, amounting to \$20,763.47. Inasmuch as this is all available for the payment of the debt, it should be taken into consideration, as offsetting so much of the same. Hence, last year our nett debt was \$48,446.71 while this year it is \$67,904.39, being an increase of \$19,457.68. When we consider that the single item of "Bounties" has reached the large amount of \$23,450, for which no provision was made at our last



annual meeting, it will be seen that the ordinary expenses have been kept within reasonable limits.

Besides the above, the town owes on account of High and Grammar schools \$1926,73 and for repairs of Highways \$1982,89—that is, those are the amounts of the unexpended balances due to those departments. As we believe that money once raised for those specific purposes, cannot be diverted to any other, they are placed to the credit of the same, and are in one sense debts. Still they are at the same time assets, inasmuch as a correspondingly less amount will be required during the ensuing year, in those departments. Hence they have not been included in the above statement of the debt.

The expenditures of the year have, with but few exceptions, been brought within the estimates; and the receipts have been greater: so that had there been no extraordinary expenditures, we should have reduced the debt some three or four thousand dollars. We would renew our recommendation of last year, and would have it made a permanent rule, that notice of all town meetings, (except those held annually in April and November,) be given by placards, stating in general terms the nature of the business to come before them.

In view of the financial uncertainties of the future, it can hardly be necessary to say much in favor of the strictest economy. Our State and national taxes must inevitably be enormous, beyond all past experience of Americans. It rests in a great measure with the voters and tax payers of the Town to say to what extent our municipal tax shall follow the general upward tendency. If we vote money, it must be paid in some way, and though by borrowing the day of payment is postponed, it must come at last. We trust this will not be forgotten in our deliberations to-day.

L. SPRAGUE,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
E. F. BAILEY,		
G. E. TOWNE,		

# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Appraised value of Pauper Establishment, March 31,  
1862,

\$12491 31

Expenses at the Almshouse during the year:

Paid George Wood, for one pair of Oxen,	\$115 00
for one pair of Steers,	78 00
for one Heifer,	20 00
for labor in House,	87 00
for labor on Farm,	313 61
for Blacksmithing,	58 95
Samuel Farwell 2d, salary	300 00
Supplies at Almshouse,	630 53
N. Upham for supplies,	29 96
Sabin & Cowdin for coal,	65 12
Amos Durant for painting	12 62
J. W. Allen & Co.,	20 70
D. F. McIntire,	27 55
Medical attendance,	5 00
Asa Kinsman, teaming lumber,	5 00

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14260 35

## Contra.

Appraised value of Pauper Establishment, March 31st,  
1863.

12317 31

Received of Mr. Litchfield for one pair of oxen,	108 00
James P. Putnam, for Bull,	25 00
C. W. Jaquith, for horse keeping,	15 00
Mr. Rugg, for one heifer,	20 00
A. Curtis, for one heifer,	35 00
Carter & Derby, veal, &c.,	17 95
Mary Ann Cook for board,	29 00

Carried over,

249 95

12317 31

<i>Brought over,</i>	249 95	12317 31
Received of Manning & Potter for calves,	9 18	
Thomas Vinal for board of wife and daughter,	18 00	
G. P. Hawkins,	15 78	
John Lowe for one pair of oxen	117 78	
Horace Platt for apples,	9 00	
Wm. Emory for Veal and beef,	22 51	
M. Underwood for hay,	9 90	
Geo. Wood for Steers,	95 00	
James Cushing for hides,	18 20	
County of Worcester,	82 57	
Town of West Boylston for sup- port of T. Smith,	100 00	
for sundries,	106 97	
Due from County of Worces.er,	10 00	
David Smith,	9 14	
James May,	14 29	
	<hr/>	888 27

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13205 58

Total expenditure at the Almshouse during the  
year,

1769 04

Receipts at Almshouse during the year,

888 27

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880 77

Decrease in value of personal property

174 00

Total expense at Almshouse, for support  
during the year.

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1,054 77

Total number of weeks board of paupers,

699

Number of permanent paupers,

11

Number of transient paupers,

96

Whole number of persons supported and  
assisted, including transient persons,

107

Average number of paupers per week, sup-  
ported at the Almshouse during the year,

13 23-52

Present number at Almshouse,

9



# NAMES OF PAUPERS AT THE ALMSHOUSE

Abel French, 78 years old,	
Levi French, 67 years old,	
Joel Lawrence, 77 years old,	
Thomas Smith, 47 years old,	
John Dole, 71 years old,	
Sally Lawrence, 70 years old,	
Mary Miles, 66 years old,	
Matilda Boynton, 49 years old,	
Arvilla Whittimore, 32 years old,	
Joshua Wilder, 45 years old,	
John Taylor, 67 years old,	
Expense of support and assistance rendered to Poor persons outside of Almshouse:	
Total amount paid,	\$2224.32
Received and due for same,	796.98
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Total expense <i>outside</i> of Almshouse during the year,	1427.34
Total expense at Almshouse during the year,	1054.77
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Total expense for support of Poor, excluding pay of assessors.	2482.11

For detailed statement for support and assistance of poor *outside* of Almshouse, see Auditor's Report.

CYRUS THURSTON,	} Overseers of Poor.
C. W. JAQUITH,	
WM. H. VOSE,	
GEORGE ROBBINS,	
A. R. ORDWAY,	

First and Last

DATE	OWNED
August 10th, 1871	2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100
August 18th, 1871	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100
August 25th, 1871	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100
Sept. 10th, 1871	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100
Nov. 3rd, 1871	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100
Dec. 31st, 1871	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100

# FITCHBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

I herewith submit my second Annual Report, comprising a list of the companies, number of men, and condition of the engines, hook and ladder, hose carriages, and all other property belonging to the Department, with the expenses of maintaining the same; the number of fires and alarms, with the losses as near as could be ascertained, and the names of the owners or occupants of the buildings.

The Department has been called out the past year six times; the value of property destroyed \$800 00. The several companies are full, with two exceptions, and the members are men who have shown themselves both ready and willing to discharge the duties that devolve upon them as firemen.

The buildings, engines, hook and ladder and hose carriages, with a few exceptions, are in good repair. Of 3600 feet of leading hose now in use, a large portion is poor.

From April 1st, 1862, to April 1st, 1863:

Engine Company No. 1,	55 men,	\$382 80
" " No. 2,	55 men,	382 80
" " No. 3,	73 men,	508 08
" " No. 4,	55 men,	381 18
" " No. 5,	48 men,	328 68
Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1,	25 men,	174 00
Mt. Vernon Hose Co. No. 1,	15 men,	104 40
Engineers,	11 men,	125 98

Total number of men, 337 men.

Care of houses, engines, hook & ladder, and incidentals, 413 16

\$2,801 03

Fires and Alarms from April 1, 1862, to April 1, 1863:

DATE.	OWNER.	OCCUPANT.	Loss.	CAUSE.
August 10th,	S. F. Atherton,	American Rattan Company,	Trifling,	Incendiary.
August 18th,	Fitchburg R.R. Co.	Bridge,	"	Sparks from Eng.
August 22d,	Catholic Church,	Catholic Church,	"	Incendiary.
Sept. 10th,				Alarm.
Nov. 5th,	Abercrombie & Marshall,	J. S. & J. Gill,	\$800 00,	From Picker.
Dec. 31st,	Rodiman,	Patrick Whalon,	Trifling,	Defective chimney.

LUCIUS ALDRICH, *Chief Engineer*  
Fitchburg Fire Department.

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" Rev. Farrington McIntyre,	11	"
" Rev. William P. Tilden,	2	"
" Rev. Kendall Brooks,	2	"
" William G. Wyman, Esq.,	2	"
" Stephen Shepley, Esq.,	1	"
" B. P. Todd, Esq.,	1	"
" Edward B. Sawtelle,	1	"

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Purchased, 346

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Added during the year, 379

The present number of volumes is therefore 5293.

During the year 19,892 books have been delivered to 912 persons. An examination of the Library at the close of the year shows that only five books are missing of those which have not heretofore been reported as missing.

The receipts and expenditures for the year have been as follows:

Balance on hand April 5, 1862,	28 78
Town appropriation,	650 00
<i>Carried over,</i>	<hr/> 678 78



<i>Brought over,</i>	678 78
Received for catalogues sold	49 81
Received in fines,	9 40

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Total,	737 99
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Paid Salary of Librarian,	\$339 44
“ for Books,	221 89
“ “ Express on Books,	2 25
“ “ Binding,	13 75
“ “ Catalogues (1500),	124 93
“ “ Printing Cards,	10 00
“ “ Book Case,	18 97
“ “ Incidental expenses,	6 76

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It will be seen by reference to the last annual report that the sum of \$66.94 was then due to the Librarian. There remains the sum of \$11.66 now due for the services of the Librarian to the first of April, and a small sum is also due to the Library for fines.

The books are generally in good repair, and the room has been kept in a neat orderly condition. Our attention has however been arrested by many unseemly and some even indecent marks in the books. Of course, when the Librarian has at any time ascertained that any one has defaced a book, he has in accordance with the regulations imposed a fine. But he cannot know in every instance who has been guilty. We wish the young persons who have thoughtlessly damaged the books by writing or marking in them, would remember that every such defacing of the property of the town is an index of the public standard of morals among us and must be greatly to the discredit of the town.

KENDALL BROOKS, Chairman of Trustees.

FITCHBURG, April 13, 1863.



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